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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: BASE RELATED CIVIL AVIATION ASSISTANCE

1. AS YOU ARE AWARE, ICELANDIC OFFICIALS HAVE ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS, PARTICULARLY SINCE LAST OCTOBER, DISCUSSED WITH STATE AND DOD OFFICIALS THE DESIRABILITY OF INCREASED US CIVIL AVIATION ASSISTANCE TO ICELAND. IN RESPONSE TO A SPECIFIC REQUEST, THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE ADVANCED ITS FUNDING OF THE CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW AIR CONTROL TOWER AT KEFLAVIK AIRPORT FROM FY 1979 TO FY 1977. IN VIEW OF THE PAST ASSISTANCE WHICH THE US HAS PROVIDED ICELAND IN FULFILLMENT OF ITS COMMITMENTS, WE WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR CONFIDENTIAL

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ASSESSMENT OF A) RECENT ICELANDIC REQUESTS FOR ADDITIONAL

US ASSISTANCE, AND B) ANY FURTHER REQUESTS FOR ADDITIONAL ASSISTANCE WHICH WE COULD EXPECT. WITHOUT CONTACTING GOI OFFICIALS, WE WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR VIEWS ON CERTAIN REQUESTS POSED TO US OVER THE PAST FEW MONTHS BY AMBASSADOR KROYER IN THE AREAS OF TRAINING (E.G. AIR TRAFFIC CONTROLLERS), PROVISION OF EQUIPMENT TO ICELAND'S CIVIL AVIATION (HARKING BACK TO THE EXPIRED 1958 EQUIPMENT LOAN AGREEMENT)

AND COAST GUARD, AND CORRECTION OF SAFETY INADEQUACIES AT KEFLAVIK AIRPORT DISCUSSED IN A NAVY-FAAREPORT LAST MAY.

WE WOULD LIKE A REALISTIC ASSESSMENT IN EACH CASE OF WHICH ADDITIONAL ASSISTANCE, IF ANY WOULD MOST ENHANCE THE FULFILLMENT OF US OBJECTIVES IN ICELAND, INCLUDING MAINTENANCE OF AN EFFECTIVE US-NATO MILITARY CAPABILITY; WHAT EFFORTS AND COSTS MIGHT THE ADDITIONAL ASSISTANCE ENTAIL; AND WHAT MIGHT BE THE CONSEQUENCES IF THE US WERE UNABLE TO PROVIDE SUCH ADDITIONAL ASSISTANCE.

2. WHEN YOUR ASSESSMENT HAS BEEN RECEIVED, WE WILL CONSIDER WHAT CAN BE DONE, INCLUDING THE APPROPRIATENESS OF POSSIBLE SOURCES OF ASSISTANCE AND RELATED FUNDINGS (E.G. DOD, FAA, NATO, A US FOREIGN ASSISTANCE PROGRAM).

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